

EXHIBIT QQ

From: James Ishida/CA04/04/USCOURTS [James Ishida/CA04/04/USCOURTS]
Sent: 3/8/2019 2:34:00 PM
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CC: RL Gregory [REDACTED]@ca4.uscourts.gov]
Subject: Re: Update

Thanks Ed. Having lived with this case for what seems like years, I can't tell you how relieved and delighted I am with the news. This has been an extraordinarily difficult case, compounded by the high-profile nature of it. Yet, you managed to achieve a result that everyone is thrilled with. This is a monumental accomplishment.

We still have the pending Chapter IX proceeding to deal with, which I will consult with Chief Judge Gregory. But you've certainly earned the Circuit's thanks and appreciation for an outstanding job in settling this difficult case.

James

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On Mar 8, 2019, at 2:16 PM, Edward G Smith <Edward_Smith@ca4.uscourts.gov> wrote:

James,

Caryn is accepting Judge Floyd's offer and asked that I passed on to you how grateful she is to all who helped reach this result. She actually seems a little overwhelmed. She will be sending you an email sometime in the next few days withdrawing her EDR complaint. I have notified Tony Martinez that Caryn will be transferring effective March 18. I refused to tell him where she was transferring. He is thrilled and said "You must be able to walk on water."

Kim is working on paper work.

Fingers still crossed for Judge Rushing.

I hope when this is all over you will have some much deserved and long lasting goodwill from the AO and Jim Duff .

Ed

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James Ishida---03/07/2019 05:39:57 PM---From: James Ishida/CA04/04/USCOURTS To: Edward G Smith/CA04/04/USCOURTS@uscourts

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To: Edward G Smith/CA04/04/USCOURTS@uscourts
Date: 03/07/2019 05:39 PM
Subject: Re: Update

That's great, Ed. Many thanks. There's a medal in this for you if this works.

Fingers and toes crossed for tomorrow! 🙏

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On Mar 7, 2019, at 5:23 PM, Edward G Smith <Edward_Smith@ca4.uscourts.gov> wrote:
James,

Caryn will be coming to see Judge Floyd tomorrow. She is excited and extremely grateful for the potential opportunities we have arranged and are working on. I did tell her we are trying to arrange an interview with Judge Rushing.

I will update you tomorrow.

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James Ishida---03/07/2019 04:54:45 PM---Ed, I tried calling Judge Floyd today, but I've missed him each time. I left my number with his law

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Date: 03/07/2019 04:54 PM
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Ed,

I tried calling Judge Floyd today, but I've missed him each time. I left my number with his law clerk, who promised to give him call me.

Also, haven't heard back from Allison Rushing on the clerkship proposal, although she's pretty overwhelmed now. Pat Connor is going to ask whether she intends to sit for the March Court Week, which may draw her attention to hiring clerks.

So no news to report

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Subject: Re: Caryn Strickland

I've been out of town this week, Ed, but Caryn did send me an email, withdrawing her EDR Complaint. Congratulations!

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> On Mar 20, 2019, at 6:22 PM, Edward G Smith <Edward_Smith@ca4.uscourts.gov> wrote:
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> James,
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> Have you seen Caryn in Richmond? Has she sent you notice of withdrawing her EDR complaint?
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